

## REMARKS:

The above amendments are believed to deal with each of the issues raised in the Official Action under reply. Specifically, the specification has been redrafted to ensure that the invention is properly defined, to improve the idiom and to avoid prolixity. It should be noted that the specification was redrafted based solely on the original specification and drawings and that no new matter has been added.

The claims have been redrafted to claim only those features of the invention disclosed in the drawings, and to define the invention properly and in a manner which patentably distinguishes the invention from the prior art of record. Broad Claim 10 is intended to cover all embodiments of the invention. Claim 10, and consequently each of the remaining claims of this application, call for, *inter alia*, three basic elements; namely, first and second carriers, and an intermediate body. The elements are interconnected in such a manner that both rotational or angular adjustments and transverse adjustments of the elements can be made. The prior art of record permits angular adjustments only; i.e. none of the references of record discloses an apparatus including three elements, one of which can be moved transversely of an optical path by means of screw means to change the shape of the optical path, as claimed in claim 10 and consequently in each of the remaining claims of this application. New claims 10 to 21 are directed to the specific embodiments of the invention illustrated in Figs. 1 to 10 of the drawings.

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The replacement drawings are merely intended to simplify the drawings and to make them easier to understand. Because optical units are merely shown schematically, no attempt has been made to use conventional cross-sectional lines

to indicate the material used in the units. Moreover, the optical units (lenses) in the various figures are not shown in cross section, but edge-on.

Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$484.00 covering the fee for a three-month extension of time and the fee for a claim in excess of 20.

Early and favorable reconsideration of this application is requested.

Respectfully submitted  
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